

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARDROOM

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
 COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
 COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
 COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY	S. Winton

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

- a) Sheila Dobie – Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Reach a Reader Campaign

Ms. Dobie made a presentation to Council asking for Council participation in the Reach a Reader campaign on October 9th

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SHEILA DOBIE, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY WITH REGARD TO THE REACH A READER CAMPAIGN.

CARRIED.

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Ms. Dobie passed around a signup sheet to Council as she requested participation in the campaign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported that he attended the tour of Roxul with the Roxul Board and other members of Council and Staff
 - He reported that he attended the Trans Canada Trail Sod turning event and the Downtown Beautification ribbon cutting event
 - He reported that he attended the September 23rd Special Meeting of Council at the Senior's Center
 - He advised that the Border Bruins are doing very well and are worth watching
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported that he assisted the Hands of Mercy with moving into their new location
 - He reported on his participation in the Sneak Peek at City Hall on Friday September 26th
 - He advised that he was invited to a 100th birthday party on October 11th and requested that the City send flowers and a card
 - He advised that Jack Goddard passed away recently and that he was a City Councillor and Mayor in Grand Forks, he requested that the City send a card - Mayor Taylor asked if City Staff could be asked to write a short article for the paper and that it will be brought back to council for approval.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Councillor Wyers' report is attached to the minutes.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at UBCM and spoke with regard to the workshops and meetings he attended
- He reported on his attendance to the Downtown Beautification ribbon cutting and the Trans Canada Trail Sod turning event

- He reported on his attendance at the Roxul tour and meeting with the Roxul Board of Directors
 - He reported on his attendance at the September 17th clinic on What Does Rural BC Need – and the Rural BC Project in Area C
 - He advised that some of the rules and regulations around elections have changed and will be implemented in the upcoming election
 - He reported on his attendance at the September 23rd Special Meeting of Council at the Senior's Center.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported that he attended the Community Literacy Advisory Committee meeting which is a subcommittee of Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL).
 - He spoke with regard to the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Program that helps new comers and immigrants settle into new communities with settlement services and some translation services.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the meeting with the Honorable Cora Lee Oakes at UBCM.
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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the Kettle River Watershed Study meeting that he attended and with regard to watering metering as it came up at the meeting. He further spoke with regard to protection of aquifers - and advised that there has been talks with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding water stewardship

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that water improvement districts are not for profit organizations, and that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary works directly with each district.

- He advised that Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is currently working through Budget process.
- Mayor Taylor further advised that a new elevator is going into the Curling rink.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Manager of Development & Engineering – Temporary Use Permit Application

The City is in receipt of an application from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, requesting a temporary use permit for commercial property

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS FOR THE CIVIC ADDRESS LOCATED AT 7255 RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, DL 108, PLAN KAP82116, TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO HOLD SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BUILDING, AND TO PROCEED WITH PUBLISHING NOTICE OF THIS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT IN ONE ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE AND TO NOTIFY THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TIME AND DATE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON OCTOBER 15TH, WHERE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT.

CARRIED.

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b) Manager of Development and Engineering – Multi-Utility Projects Shelf Ready Designs

Council's approval to proceed with Shelf Ready Designs for the Multi-Utility Projects

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this is based on feedback received from the Honorable Cora-Lee Oakes at UBCM minister meetings.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE SHELF READY DESIGNS FOR MULTI-UTILITY PROJECTS.

CARRIED.

c) Memorandum from the Manager of Development and Engineering Regarding Metal Shipping Containers

As per Council's request for Staff to provide a report with regard to Metal Shipping Containers

MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TO RECEIVE, FOR INFORMATION, THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING WITH REGARD TO METAL SHIPPING CONTAINERS WITHIN THE CITY.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(f) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

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- a) **Fire Chief's Association of BC - Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Council to receive for information and refer to the Grand Forks Fire Department.**
 - b) **Boundary Museum - Request that Council approve the 2014 Fee For Service Funding Agreement for the Stewardship of the Community Archives. Council receives the request from the Boundary Museum and refers to the 2014 Budget process.**
 - c) **Habitat for Humanity - Request for permission to locate a container on lot 7212 Riverside Drive. Council to consider approving the request from Habitat for Humanity to locate a sea container at 7212 Riverside Drive, if it is removed within 30 days of receiving an Occupancy Permit. Council approves the request from Habitat for Humanity to locate a sea container at 7212 riverside drive, if it is removed within 30 days of receiving an occupancy permit.**
 - d) **841 Air Cadet Squadron - Request for funding. Council received for information.**
 - e) **Royal Canadian Legion - Requesting permission to hold annual poppy distribution days on November 1st and 2nd and to hold the Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th and to also use City power during the ceremony.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL POPPY DISTRIBUTION DAYS ON NOVEMBER 1ST AND 2ND AND FURTHER TO HOLD THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH ON NOVEMBER 11TH AND FURTHER TO USE CITY POWER DURING THE CEREMONY UPON THE SUBMISSION OF AN EVENT REQUEST FORM TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

CARRIED.

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- f) Downtown Business Association - Request for Council to consider funding adding additional transmitters on Market Street in order to expand the free WiFi coverage to 2nd Street, and to eventually expand the Free WiFi zone to include the whole downtown area. **The request has been referred to the 2014 Budget process where Staff will provide further information.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering Services – Bylaw 1987 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999

Council to consider giving third reading to Bylaw 1987 – to rezone the property located at 7850 – 2nd Street, legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 585, SYD, Plan 27903, from the current R-4 (Rural Residential) zone to the R-3 (Multi-family Residential Zone)

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES THIRD READING TO BYLAW 1987 – AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1606, 1999.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development and Engineering Services – Bylaw No. 1990 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999

Council to consider giving first and second reading to Bylaw 1990 – to rezone the property located at 2675 Central Avenue, legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 520, SDYD, Plan EPP31267 from the current R-1 zone to HT (Highway & Tourist Commercial) zone.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING TO BYLAW NO. 1990 – AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1606, 1999.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/ KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES SECOND READING TO BYLAW NO.1990 –
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1606, 1999.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

LES JOHNSON –He spoke with regard to the downtown WiFi services and advised that the signal doesn't work within some of the buildings.

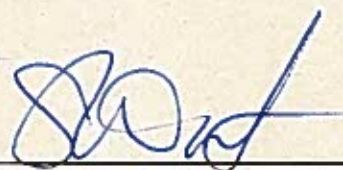
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:53
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY-
SARAH WINTON

Councillor Wyers' Report for September 30, 2013

Tuesday September 10th I briefly attended the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting for the release of discussion paper 1, "***A Vision For the Kettle River Watershed***" dated September 4, 2013 covering public input & feedback, goals, challenges, draft strategies & management directions and their integration.

On September 11th Council & City Management toured the Roxul facility with their Danish & Milton management team viewing the new RTO (Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer), providing the necessary air emissions control that we observed from across the highway when the new technology was turned off and on to visually see the stack's emission variance.

September 12th, MLA Linda Larson joined City Council in officially opening the new Trans Canada Trail parking lot and trailhead on 68th Avenue. Special recognition was given to Roxul and the Grand Forks Trail Society. A 2nd ribbon cutting followed at the Value Drug Mart outdoor gathering space celebrating the recent downtown core improvements.

UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) Conference Sept 16-20th

September 16th I attended the Building & Protecting Sustainable Communities pre-conference session at UBCM. First up, Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, intro and welcome followed by the BC Environmental Assessment Office delegation of Michelle Car, Executive Director Policy & Quality Assurance and Scott Bailey, Executive Project Director. Primary focus was Liquefied Natural Gas – and the province's goal to an effective & doable process – to get to "YES" province wide and reducing duplication of EA by Province & Feds (1 Project 1 Process (EA) = 2 Decisions) to foster A SINGLE assessment that can get to faster certainty for investors in a faster way while maintaining rigorous environmental standards. (Reference Premier Christy Clark's directive dated June 10, 2013 to Minister Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and mines & Minister Responsible for Core Review.

On Monday September 16th, Grand Forks delegation met with Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development asking for continued Provincial Government policy & program support for municipal asset management, and financial grant support for infrastructure renewal projects. MLA Linda Larson was in attendance and the conversation was positive & interesting. We introduced Grand Forks' 20-year Asset Management Investment Plan, 20-year financial plan and asset management policies having embraced our challenges over the previous four year. Of significance, the community has given their support by approving two borrowing referendums totaling \$5.5 Million. We see ourselves as a leader in Asset Management preparedness and the City's vision to be recognized by the provincial government, for its "Best Practices" and use us as a model project when the Federal infrastructure grant application process begins in the 2015/2016 Build Canada Program release. The City will be shelf ready for the April 2014 provincial budget in anticipation that a funding partnership with the province will also be there.

Tuesday Sept 17th Minister's Meeting: Policy changes was the message we heard from Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines & Minister Responsible for Core Review. The City presented a letter of support for the continuation of the Columbia River Treaty and the Minister's successful conclusion of the Treaty in 2014. I spoke to AKBLG's

Regional Collaborative Group project initiated with the participation of Columbia Basin Trust and a clear understanding for better relations in the region – “***If our neighbours prosper, we prosper.***” The CBT is a major funding source for communities on the other side of the Paulsen. Grand Forks knows where we stand today and we do see the residual benefits as they trickle down through our Regional District and neighbouring communities. ***Small Talk Forum*** on Tuesday, September 17th provided insight to “Best Practices” in the morning and notably, Village of Fruitvale Mayor Patricia Cecchini’s Seniors’ Outreach Program. Destination BC & Community Partnerships presentation told the success story of the Similkameen Valley Case Study where communities joined forces in branding & marketing their region.

Thursday’s meeting with Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Honourable Steve Thomson, on Urban Deer Management where Councillor Smith outlined the City’s undertaking since 2007 to manage our deer population. Staff had prepared a colourful, well laid out 2-page document intended to be left in multiples on the Minister’s desk following each Ministers’ meeting. Minister Thomson recognized that there is a province-wide issue with deer and the need for the province to make policy changes to assist in protecting local governments where expensive legal battles arise when special interest groups attempt to intervene in the management of urban deer in rural communities.

The 5-day conference provides networking opportunities with other local governments, lobbying for change, knowing our challenges are often repeated in other parts of the province and developing new relationships with distant communities that we would not normally have an opportunity to interact with in our day-to-day council duties.

Reported compiled by Councillor Cher Wyers